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## **Energy Sector**

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: **Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *January 27, Associated Press* – (Arkansas; Kentucky; Missouri) **Ice & snow storm wreaks havoc from Plains to East.** Thousands of homes and businesses had no electricity Tuesday as a storm spread a coating of ice and snow on roads and power lines from the southern Plains to the mid-Atlantic states. Ice had built up as much as an inch thick around Mountain Home, Arkansas, and the utility Entergy Arkansas said about 5,800 customers were blacked out as the weight of ice brought down power lines. Missouri's AmerenUE reported about 6,000 customers without service. Thousands more had no electricity in Kentucky as ice up to 1.5 inches thick snapped tree limbs and power lines, and caused short circuits that made transformers blow out. Arkansas utility

officials warned customers to prepare for up to three days without power, and many heeded the warning. Kentucky Utilities reported about 16,000 customers without power, mostly in western Kentucky, said a spokesman for E.ON U.S., the utility's parent. The utility Kenergy reported slightly more than 3,000 customers without power in western Kentucky.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jv320qXrVAVFqDYU3nglqZySw6YgD95VJ6MG0>

2. *January 27, Reuters* – (Northeast) **National Grid to spend \$1.7 bln on U.S. power projects.** National Grid Plc. expects to spend up to \$1.7 billion over the next five years to improve its electric transmission system in New York and New England, the company said in a release Tuesday. National Grid awarded contracts to design and build substations and transmission lines to two joint ventures — NorthEast Power Alliance for work in New York and New Energy Alliance for work in New England. National Grid expects to finalize the contracts by April 1. The investment of up to \$1.7 billion over five years does not include the money the company plans to spend on its distribution system in New York and New England during that time. National Grid, headquartered in London, owns and operates more than 4,000 MW of generation in New York and transmits and distributes power to about 3.3 million customers and natural gas to about 3.4 million customers in New York and New England.

Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/rbssIndustryMaterialsUtilitiesNews/idUSN2746676320090127>

3. *January 27, Platts* – (Louisiana; Texas) **ETP signs deal with Chesapeake to build 178-mile gas pipeline.** Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners (ETP) on January 27 said that it had reached a deal with Chesapeake Energy Marketing, a subsidiary of producer Chesapeake Energy, that would see it build a 178-mile, 42-inch interstate pipeline designed to move natural gas out of northern Louisiana's Haynesville Shale. The project, dubbed the Tiger Pipeline, will connect to ETP's pipeline system near Carthage, Texas, run east through the Haynesville shale, and end at the Perryville Hub in eastern Louisiana. The proposed line would have interconnects with at least seven interstate pipelines in various points in Louisiana, ETP said. Assuming it receives all required regulatory permits, ETP said it expects to bring the line into service in mid-2011. "Energy Transfer Partners continues to implement its growth strategy of providing pipeline capacity through significant producing basins," the ETP president and chief operating officer said in a statement. "Critical infrastructure is needed to relieve growing constraints near the Carthage Hub and to provide takeaway capacity from the Haynesville Shale."

Source:

<http://www.platts.com/Natural%20Gas/News/8312828.xml?sub=Natural%20Gas&p=Natural%20Gas/News&?undefined&undefined>

## Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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## Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

4. *January 27, United Press International* – (International) **December nuclear spill reported in Canada.** Canada's 51-year-old nuclear reactor in Chalk River, Ontario, had a radioactive leak in December, documents seen by Sun Media indicate. Reports filed with the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission by Atomic Energy of Canada say the spill happened December 5, and radioactive tritium was released into the air, the report said. Officials said neither workers nor area residents were exposed to significant danger, and 211 gallons of contaminated water was captured and is being stored in special drums. The reactor was shut down briefly and has been running at double its normal rate since although officials said they do not know what caused the leak, the report said. A news release at the time of the brief shutdown said only "unanticipated technical challenges" had occurred at the facility west of Ottawa. Chalk River produces 70 percent of the world's medical isotopes used in cancer and cardiac detection and treatment, or about 40 million procedures per year. A similar plant in the Netherlands has been shut down for maintenance until the spring, which is why the Ontario facility is running double production, the report said.

Source:

[http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/2009/01/27/December\\_nuclear\\_spill\\_reported\\_in\\_Canada/UPI-99571233060610/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/2009/01/27/December_nuclear_spill_reported_in_Canada/UPI-99571233060610/)

5. *January 26, Reuters* – (California) **PG&E Calif. Diablo Canyon 1 reactor out 2 months.** PG&E Corp.'s Unit 1 at the Diablo Canyon nuclear power station in California will be shut for about two months for refueling and to replace its four steam generators, the company said. The unit began shutting down on Sunday. Unit 1 opened in 1985, and this is the first time the four steam generators have been replaced, said a spokeswoman for PG&E.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSN2632257520090126>

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## Defense Industrial Base Sector

6. *January 27, Space Travel* – (Florida) **KSC operations and checkout facility ready to start Orion spacecraft integration.** After a two-year, top-to-bottom renovation, the High Bay Facility of the Operations and Checkout building at National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Kennedy Space Center (KSC) is now ready to begin preparations to build the new Orion crew exploration vehicle — the flagship of NASA's Constellation Program. Renovations by the construction contractor for this project began in 2007 with the demolition of abandoned systems. The project remained on schedule with new facility designs established concurrently by a team of NASA employees,

supporting contractors, and Lockheed Martin engineers. Flight hardware will be fabricated at locations around the country and shipped to the O and C facility for final integration and assembly. Now that the facility is officially certified, the next phase of activation will take place over the next two years as specially designed tooling stations and other assembly equipment are moved into place to support the first Orion spacecraft assembly activity, which is now scheduled to begin in 2012.

Source: [http://www.space-travel.com/reports/KSC Operations And Checkout Facility Ready To Start Orion Spacecraft Integration 999.html](http://www.space-travel.com/reports/KSC_Operations_And_Checkout_Facility_Ready_To_Start_Orion_Spacecraft_Integration_999.html)

7. *January 26, Navy Times* – (California) **Offshore fire destroys UAVs, building.** Federal fire investigators are looking into the cause of a January 22 fire that destroyed a building housing about a half-dozen unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) at an offshore training area, a Navy spokesman said January 26. No one was in the warehouse and classroom building when the fire broke out about 2 a.m. at an old airstrip on San Clemente Island, said a Naval Special Warfare Command spokesman in Coronado, California. Federal fire crews assigned on the island responded to the fire, which destroyed the building that served as a UAV training facility for Naval Special Warfare Group 1. A Humvee parked alongside the building also was destroyed in the fire. Estimates of the damage are not yet available.

Source: [http://www.navytimes.com/news/2009/01/navy\\_islandfire\\_012609w/](http://www.navytimes.com/news/2009/01/navy_islandfire_012609w/)

8. *January 26, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **Janitor pleads guilty in Tenn. nuclear parts theft.** A former janitor caught in a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) sting operation trying to sell hardware from the former K-25 uranium enrichment plant in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, agreed to a plea deal Monday. He pled guilty to one count of disclosing restricted data in violation of the Atomic Energy Act. He acted alone in trying to sell a handful of uranium enrichment parts first to the French government and then an undercover FBI agent for \$200,000 in cash, an assistant U.S. attorney said. According to the plea deal, he sneaked six pieces of enrichment hardware out in 2006 that he was supposed to have broken apart. A U.S. Department of Energy-Oak Ridge spokesman said he could not discuss changes in security at the former K-25 plant since the man's arrest. But he said, "At the time of the incident we did a full comprehensive review of our security and felt at that time as we do now that the security measures we have in place are more than adequate."

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5grqIVTaLjFlg3K897TT-ccZELhaAD95V1A7O0>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

9. *January 27, Cape Cod Times* – (Massachusetts) **Falmouth police warn of credit card scam.** Police are warning area residents of a telephone credit card scam that has been reported to them. The scam starts with a recorded message from a caller identified as the Service Credit Union, according to a press release from the Falmouth police. The

message tells the call's recipient that their credit card is suspended because of "third-party activity" and then asks them to enter a credit card number by using the phone's keypad, according to the press release. The Service Credit Union has told the Falmouth police that they are not looking for this information, police said. Residents should not give out personal information, including credit card information, the police said.

Source:

<http://www.capecodonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090127/NEWS/901270314/-1/NEWS>

10. *January 27, Reuters* – (New York) **NY financier arrested in purported \$400 million scam.** Authorities on January 26 arrested the chief executive of a private New York financing firm on suspicion of running a purported Ponzi scheme that attracted \$400 million in investments, U.S. law enforcement officials said. The head of Agape World Inc. on New York's Long Island was said to provide commercial bridge loans, but was instead operating a traditional Ponzi scheme in which early investors are paid with the money of new clients, officials said. "The suspect took the advice of an attorney and complied with an arrest warrant," said a spokesman for the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, which is investigating Agape World and Cosmo along with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. "Some of the early investors made money but as this scheme started to crumble, the later investors did not see a penny," a law enforcement official said of the firm.

Source: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/usTopNews/idUKTRE50Q0EQ20090127>

11. *January 27, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Suburban Federal Savings Bank told to sell.** Federal banking regulators have told Crofton-based Suburban Federal Savings Bank that it must be sold by January 31 or face a possible government takeover. The 53-year-old thrift has been trying to recover from losses on soured real-estate loans. In documents filed recently, the Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) ordered Suburban to merge with another institution or accept "appointment of a conservator or receiver." If Suburban were to be seized, it would be the first bank to fail in Maryland since 1992, the tail end of the savings and loan crisis. Suburban, which has seven branches and about \$354 million in assets, was supposed to submit a binding merger agreement to the OTS by January 23, but neither the regulator nor Suburban officials would say on January 26 whether a plan was submitted.

Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/local/baltimore.bz.bank27jan27,0,4636975.story>

12. *January 26, Yakima Herald-Republic* – (Washington) **Text message scams target Yakima Valley Credit Union customers.** Tens of thousands of people nationwide have received suspicious text messages asking for individuals' banking information. The most recent incident involves the Yakima Valley Credit Union. The messages state that the recipient's bank account has been closed due to unusual activity, and asks the individual to call a phone number with bank information. The Yakima Valley Credit Union has been busy fielding calls from concerned customers. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and president fielded calls from across the state. The credit union has reported the scam to several agencies including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the

local police, and the National Credit Union Administration and posted an alert on its Web site to remind customers that the credit union will never contact customers for sensitive information. The CEO said most people have not fallen for the scam, but for the few people who have, the credit union has managed to intervene and prevent any money from being stolen from them.

Source: <http://www.yakima-herald.com/stories/2009/01/26/text-message-scams-target-yakima-valley-credit-union-customers>

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## **Transportation Sector**

13. *January 27, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Metra derailment causes cancellations, delays.** A minor Metra train derailment has blocked some trains from operating and delayed service on the Metra Electric University Park Line in the south suburbs. A train with no passengers on board had a minor derailment at about 4 a.m. on January 27 while exiting the Richton Park rail yard, according to a Metra spokesman, who said the derailment was possibly caused by a broken rail. It was not immediately clear how many cars derailed. The train was leaving the rail yard, traveling at a slow rate of speed at the time, and the engineer was on board. No one was hurt. The spokesman said the cause of the derailment was being looked into by Metra.

Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/news/metro/1399050,w-metra-derailment-delays-012709.article>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

14. *January 27, Associated Press* – (Texas) **FedEx plane veers off Texas runway, catches fire.** Officials say a FedEx cargo plane landing at a Lubbock, Texas, airport veered off the runway, crashed, and caught fire, but that both crew members walked away from the plane. The Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport director said the ATR-42 twin-turboprop aircraft landed just after 4:30 a.m. January 27. He says crews extinguished the fire quickly. The plane landed in a freezing mist, but the director says weather was not a factor in the incident. The crew members were being evaluated at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Source: [http://www.ajc.com/news/content/shared-gen/ap/National/Cargo\\_Plane\\_Crash.html?cxntlid=homepage\\_tab\\_newstab](http://www.ajc.com/news/content/shared-gen/ap/National/Cargo_Plane_Crash.html?cxntlid=homepage_tab_newstab)

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

15. *January 27, Bellingham Herald* – (Washington) **Whatcom County birds to be tested for avian flu.** The discovery of the H5 avian influenza virus in turkeys just over the border has prompted Washington State officials to step up testing on local birds. The Washington State Department of Agriculture is asking 13 Whatcom County farms that



regularly send in eggs for testing to send an additional batch to be tested for avian flu antibodies, said the department communications director. State veterinarians have been in contact with their counterparts in Canada as well as the U.S. Department of Agriculture to figure out the best plan to keep the state's poultry safe. The virus found Sunday in Abbotsford, British Columbia is a weak, low pathogenic strain, unlike the deadly H7N4 virus that killed or caused the destruction of 17 million birds in 2004.

Source: <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/102/story/770388.html>

16. *January 27, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Reports cite violations at peanut plant.** The South Georgia peanut butter plant linked to the national salmonella outbreak has a history of sanitation problems that include grease and dirt buildup, unmarked chemical containers, and gaps in doors large enough for rodents, according to state inspection reports obtained by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. The inspection reports from the Georgia Agriculture Department, from 2006 to 2008, show repeated problems with cleanliness at the Blakely plant, which federal officials have targeted as the sole source of the national outbreak. The state Agriculture Department inspected the plant on an average of two times a year, said the agency assistant commissioner. Inspectors noted several instances in which the plant was not in compliance with regulations on the prevention of food contamination. A spokesman for a food safety group said the problems at the plant showed that it could become a breeding ground for salmonella. The plant has shut down and laid off most of its workers. A legislative representative with Food & Water Watch, a Washington watchdog nonprofit group, said he was particularly concerned about the effectiveness of state oversight because the Blakely plant is the second Georgia plant to be linked to a salmonella outbreak.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/services/content/printedition/2009/01/27/peanut0127.html>

17. *January 26, HealthDay News* – (National) **Study finds high fructose corn syrup contains mercury.** Almost half of tested samples of commercial high-fructose corn syrup (HFCS) contained mercury, which was also found in nearly a third of 55 popular brand-name food and beverage products where HFCS is the first- or second-highest labeled ingredient, according to two new U.S. studies. On average, Americans consume about 12 teaspoons per day of HFCS, but teens and other high consumers can take in 80 percent more HFCS than average. "Mercury is toxic in all its forms. Given how much high-fructose corn syrup is consumed by children, it could be a significant additional source of mercury never before considered. We are calling for immediate changes by industry and the [U.S. Food and Drug Administration] to help stop this avoidable mercury contamination of the food supply," said a doctor and co-author of both studies from the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy. In the first study, researchers found detectable levels of mercury in nine of 20 samples of commercial HFCS. In the second study, the agriculture group found that nearly one in three of 55 brand-name foods contained mercury. The chemical was most common in HFCS-containing dairy products, dressings, and condiments. The use of mercury-contaminated caustic soda in the production of HFCS is common. The contamination occurs when mercury cells are used to produce caustic soda.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/01/26/AR2009012601831.html>

18. *January 26, Brownfield Network* – (National) **Food groups want more authority for FDA.** The Grocery Manufacturers Association, the American Frozen Food Institute, the Retail Industry Leaders Association, and the Food Marketing Institute are among a group of ten food industry organizations who have sent a letter to members of Congress asking for changes to the food safety system in the United States. For one thing, they ask that the Food and Drug Administration be given the authority to order a food recall. Currently, FDA can only request that companies recall a product. They also ask that FDA be given the authority to establish standards for fruits and vegetables. The groups point to the increasing amount of imported foods now available in the United States as another reason for the need to modernize the nation's food system. They want importers to monitor and document their suppliers.  
Source: <http://www.brownfieldnetwork.com/gestalt/go.cfm?objectid=1513139A-5056-B82A-D0BAAA5951EC5101>

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## **Water Sector**

19. *January 26, Washington Post* – (Maryland) **Md. seeks federal funding to repair water pipes.** On January 26, Maryland officials made a case for spending a portion of a federal economic recovery package on the local water and sewer infrastructure, a priority underscored by the December water main break that stranded motorists on River Road in Bethesda. The aging 5,500-mile water distribution system maintained by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) has sprung 4,000 breaks and leaks in the past two years, with 252 such incidents during a chilly inauguration weekend. The WSSC estimates it needs \$75 million. Repairing the pipes will be a top priority for Maryland's congressional delegation as Congress takes up the massive stimulus bill this week. The House version of the recovery bill, which passed earlier this month, included \$19 billion for water and environmental projects nationwide. The legislators said they would fight to make sure Maryland gets its share. With its current funding, the sanitary commission replaces about 25 miles of pipe a year, a schedule that would require two centuries to retool the entire system.  
Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/01/26/AR2009012601530.html>
20. *January 26, Pennsylvania Office of the Governor* – (Pennsylvania) **PA Governor Rendell announces \$94 million investment in water infrastructure.** The governor of Pennsylvania announced on January 26 an investment of \$94 million in 22 clean water projects in 20 counties. The Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority board of directors approved \$75 million in low-interest loans and \$19 million in grants at its quarterly meeting. "The critically needed water projects approved today will help Pennsylvania meet its public health and environmental challenges while creating construction jobs and permanent jobs in all corners of the state," the governor said. "Funding for these projects is another positive step to improve the environment and economic well-being of our communities and residents." The awards range from a \$125,000 loan to replace deteriorated drinking water distribution lines in a community in



Crawford County to a \$17.5 million loan and grant combination to build a new wastewater treatment plant that will eliminate wet weather discharges of raw sewage into a stream in Wayne County.

Source:

<http://news.prnewswire.com/DisplayReleaseContent.aspx?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/01-26-2009/0004960514&EDATE>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

21. *January 27, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **WHO says no evidence of China bird flu epidemic.** The World Health Organization said January 27 there was no evidence of a bird flu epidemic in China after a fifth person died of the disease this month, but urged caution over the Lunar New Year holiday. An 18-year-old man succumbed to the deadly H5N1 strain of the virus Monday, bringing to five the number of fatalities from the disease so far this year in China, compared to just three in the whole of 2008. The number of cases has sparked fears of an epidemic, particularly during this week's Lunar New Year, as hundreds of millions of families across China reunite around huge feasts that include poultry. China is considered one of the nations most at risk of bird flu epidemics because it has the world's biggest poultry population and many chickens in rural areas are kept close to humans.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5j19EI1rbnarFjbk6rVdQA95P3Zvg>

22. *January 27, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Infection rate in city levels off, but some areas still up.** The overall rate of infections caused by antibiotic-resistant bacteria has leveled off in Baltimore, but some types of infections remain much higher than in surrounding jurisdictions and statewide, according to data released yesterday by the city Health Department. While rates have declined in hospitals and among intravenous drug users, infections reported at dialysis centers and long-term care facilities have had only modest decreases. Meanwhile, rates among people with HIV are up. City officials pledged to devise better strategies for combating infections caused by invasive methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, commonly known as MRSA. A national study in 2007 found that Baltimore's MRSA rate was the highest of nine sites studied. Alarmed, city officials pursued additional studies, released yesterday.

Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/health/bal-md.infections27jan27,0,3839253.story>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

23. *January 27, ComputerWeekly.com* – (National) **U.S. Army details found on second hand MP3 player.** A New Zealand man has found personal details of U.S. soldiers on an MP3 player he bought second-hand in Oklahoma. About 60 files on the MP3 player

contained lists of soldiers based in Afghanistan, the names of some who have fought in Iraq, and mobile numbers for soldiers based overseas. Most of the files found are dated 2005, but some are still active and could have put individual soldiers at risk, according to a New Zealand television news report. The MP3 player also contained details of equipment deployed to the bases and private information about soldiers, such as social security numbers. The U.S. Army and the American embassy in New Zealand have refused to comment, the television news report said.

Source: <http://www.computerweekly.com/Articles/2009/01/27/234445/us-army-details-found-on-second-hand-mp3-player.htm>

24. *January 26, Reuters* – (International) **Shooting outside U.S. embassy in Yemen, 3 held.** Shooting broke out at a checkpoint outside the U.S. embassy in Yemen on Monday, January 26, and security officials detained three people for questioning. No one was hurt, but Yemeni officials gave different accounts of the incident. One official said it appeared to have been security forces firing in the air to warn an approaching car. “Three people who were in the car are being questioned,” a security official told Reuters. “It does not seem that they had shot at the checkpoint.” But another security official said gunmen in the car had opened fire at the checkpoint, hours after the mission said it received a threat. In Washington, U.S. State Department officials said they were looking into the incident. An embassy employee told Reuters by telephone earlier on Monday that the mission remained open.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idUSTRE50P6C820090126>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

25. *January 27, Government Technology* – (National) **911 alarm transmission standard approved.** The Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) announced January 26 the approval of an American National Standard that enables alarm companies to transmit alerts to 911 centers automatically. Alarm companies typically place a phone call to 911 centers when an alarm sounds, but the new standard would send them automatically. An automated standard could eliminate 32 million calls nationally from the alarm companies to the 911 public safety answering points, erasing the two to three minutes of processing time that call-takers need for obtaining information from alarm company operators, according to a public safety team project manager of the Richmond, Virginia, Department of Information Technology.

Source: <http://www.govtech.com/gt/articles/596636>

26. *January 26, Washington Business Journal* – (National) **FEMA awards \$50M to AT&T.** AT&T Government Solutions was picked as the primary wireless provider for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, a unit of the Department of Homeland Security agency, through a string of \$50 million contracts. About 6,600 FEMA employees will be able to use a combination of mobile devices, smart phones and wireless laptop cards from AT&T to run e-mail, voice communications and data applications in the field. The company received three awards, each with a one-year base and four one-year options. AT&T will provide AT&T LaptopConnect wireless cards,

BlackBerry 8820 smart phones, and the 3G LG CU405 unit to FEMA employees, who coordinate the government's role in disaster preparedness, response and recovery. The Government Solutions division of AT&T Inc. already provides voice and data services to the DHS and several of its agencies, including U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Transportation Security Administration.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/washington/stories/2009/01/26/daily9.html>

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## **Information Technology**

27. *January 27, DarkReading* – (International) **PandaLabs detects Valentine's Day worm.**

PandaLabs, Panda Security's malware analysis and detection laboratory, announced on January 27 that it has detected a new variant of the Waledac Storm worm, the Waledac.C worm, which is using Valentine's Day as bait to spread itself to as many computers as possible. As is usually the case in this type of attack, Waledac C spreads by email trying to pass itself off as a greeting card sent for Valentine's Day to the targeted user. The email message includes a link to download the card. However, if the user clicks the link and accepts the subsequent file download they will actually be letting the Waledac.C worm into their computer. These malicious files have Valentine's Day-related romantic names such as: youandme.exe onlyyou.exe you.exe meandyou.exe. Once it has infected the computer, the worm uses the affected user's email to send out spam. To do this, it collects all the email addresses stored on the user's computer, and sends them an email message like the one above in order to trick other users into downloading the malware strain.

Source:

<http://www.darkreading.com/security/vulnerabilities/showArticle.jhtml;jsessionid=XEK4HSDWQX1MUQSNDLPCKHSCJUNN2JVN?articleID=212902776>

28. *January 26, Computerworld* – (International) **Hackers exploit Obama site to spread malware.** A social networking site operated by the 2008 Barack Obama presidential campaign is serving up malware to unwary visitors a full week after the tactic was reported, a security researcher said on January 26. MyBarackObama.com, still active after the recent inauguration of the U.S. President, is being used by hackers trying to dupe users into downloading a Trojan horse, said the vice president of security research at Websense Inc. The criminals have set up bogus accounts and used them to create blogs. When a user reaches one of the fake blogs, a YouTube-like video window is displayed; clicking on that video frame takes the user to a malicious Web site packed with pornography. If the user clicks to view the porn, a message pops up claiming a video codec must be downloaded and installed. The executable file is no codec, but rather a Trojan horse that hijacks the PC. The cybercrooks do not just try to grab people browsing through MyBarackObama.com, he added; rather, they are actively polluting search engines with the URLs of their bogus blog accounts in an attempt to take advantage of MyBarackObama.com's reputation and popularity.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9126801&intsrc=hm\\_list](http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9126801&intsrc=hm_list)

29. *January 26, eWEEK* – (International) **More malware targeting users of pirated software for Mac.** Users of pirated software have a new headache to worry about. For the second time in less than two weeks, malware targeting Mac computers has surfaced on the Web. According to an advisory from Intego, OSX.Trojan.iServices.B is a variant of the iServices Trojan the company found recently targeting pirated copies of iWork 2009. This time, the malware has its sights set on versions of Adobe Photoshop CS4 downloaded via BitTorrent trackers and other sites containing links to pirated software. “The actual Photoshop installer is clean, but the Trojan horse is found in a crack application that serializes the program,” Intego’s advisory reads. As of January 25, nearly 5,000 are believed to have downloaded the Trojan, according to the advisory. After downloading this version of Photoshop, users will run the crack application to be able to use it, the advisory continues. The crack application extracts an executable from its data and installs a backdoor in /var/tmp/, which is not deleted when the computer is restarted. The crack application then requests an administrator password and launches the backdoor with root privileges, the advisory continues. The program saves the root hash password in the file /var/root/.DivX. In addition, it listens on a random TCP port, answers requests such as GET / HTTP/1.0 by sending a 209-byte packet and makes repeated connections to two IP addresses.  
Source: <http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Security/More-Malware-Targeting-Users-of-Pirated-Software-for-Mac/>

30. *January 26, SearchDataCenter.com* – (International) **Monitoring data center contamination key concern at ASHRAE conference.** According to a speaker and member of American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Technical Committee 9.9 (TC 9.9), the time has come for data centers to start monitoring their data center dust and pollution. A senior systems and technology group engineer at IBM spoke on January 25, at the ASHRAE Winter Conference in Chicago. He and two IBM colleagues wrote a paper on data center particulate and gaseous contamination. Any kind of data center contamination, and there are several types, can cause problems, the engineer said. He started with data center dust, saying it could be separated into “chemically inert dust” and “corrosive dust.” Chemically inert dust is similar to household dust, and when it starts clogging server intake valves and other small openings, it can affect thermal efficiency, cooling efficiency, and the airflow through heat sinks in electronic components. It can also lead to overheating of power connectors for tape and optical media drives, he said. Showing a picture of the dust, the engineer pointed out that there was “contamination evidence on covers and intakes. Corrosive data center dust contains ionic chemical compounds like sulfur and chlorine salts that, when wet, get corrosive. When bridges form between two conductive patterns, the engineer said that short-circuiting can result. After the session, the engineer added that a lot of the data center contamination comes from IT equipment being delivered in smaller and smaller footprints.  
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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

31. *January 27, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **No one injured in explosion at Ohio's Wittenberg University.** Firefighters say a plastic bottle containing chemicals exploded in a dormitory stairwell at western Ohio's Wittenberg University. No one was injured when the homemade device exploded the night of January 26 in Firestone Hall on the campus in Springfield. The assistant Springfield Fire chief says the device consisted of a plastic water bottle containing over-the-counter ingredients such as drain cleaner. He says the bottle exploded when the combined ingredients created an expanding gas. He says someone could have been hurt if hit by the chemicals.  
Source: <http://www.pal-item.com/article/20090127/UPDATES/90127011>

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## **Dams Sector**

32. *January 26, Tulsa World* – (Oklahoma) **County approves contract for low-water dams.** County commissioners approved a nearly \$1 million contract on January 26 that sets in motion design and engineering work for construction and modification of low-water dams in the Arkansas River. As first reported on [tulsaworld.com](http://tulsaworld.com), approval of the \$969,000 contract comes less than 18 months after county voters rejected a sales-tax initiative that would have funded \$282 million in infrastructure projects along the Arkansas River. After the vote, county officials decided to move forward with the heart of the initiative — construction of low-water dams in Sand Springs and south Tulsa and modifications to the Zink Dam in Tulsa. CH2M Hill Inc., which was selected to do the design and engineering work on the dams, estimated that the environmental work would be completed by late summer, with preliminary design work on the dams completed a

year later. County officials estimated last year that the dams could cost as much as \$100 million in 2008 dollars, but they gave no specific numbers.

Source:

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